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# TEAMWORK

There is a saying which reads, "Success Breeds Success." This can be applied quite appropriately to the Crippled Children's Project sponsored by the Edmonton Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers.

We are now in our seventh Search for Talent Series of Shows. Each of the six previous search for talent projects was more successful than the previous one. I am fully confident this seventh series will surpass the record-breaking series concluded last May.

My confidence is based on the belief that success does breed success and in the conviction that this success has come about as a direct result of teamwork.

The "Team" that makes Search for Talent possible extends far beyond the membership of our travellers' organization and our A.C.T. Ladies Auxiliary. The A.C.T. Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Fund Committee plans, organizes and co-ordinates the project, and with the advice of the Medical Advisory Board, administers the fund. The A.C.T. memberships provide the manpower for the weekly shows.

But, at the other end of the line, we have the unfailing support of the management and staff of Radio Station CFRN; the untiring efforts of many volunteers in 25 communities where the weekly shows are held; the generous support of business firms in these communities; the eager participation of hundreds of contestants and the enthusiasm and generosity of thousands of audio-spectators at these shows. Farther down the line we are joined by the dozens of organizations, large and small, who contribute financially to the success of the project during the shows and throughout the year; and the other groups and individuals who support, spiritually, financially and physically the many other projects A.C.T. undertakes annually in support of Alberta's needy crippled children.

PROCEEDS FROM THE FIRST SIX SEARCH FOR TALENT SHOWS AND OTHER SOURCES, HAVE ASSISTED IN THE CARE AND CURE (COMPLETE OR PARTIAL) OF MORE THAN 200 YOUNG UN-FORTUNATES IN ALBERTA. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PROJECTS WILL OPEN THE DOOR TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR MORE OF OUR YOUNG CITIZENS IN YEARS TO COME.

The membership of the Edmonton Club of the Associated Canadian Travellers deem it an honor and a privilege to be part of that great team which makes this worthy effort possible.

C. S. "MICKEY" McNABB,  
President, Associated Canadian Travellers,  
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# THE COMMITTEE



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Seventh committee of the Associated Canadian Travellers Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Fund is under the capable chairmanship of P. S. "Steve" McEachern. H. F. "Hal" Richards is vice-chairman. Committee consists of 25 A.C.T. members. Both Mr. McEachern and Mr. Richards are vice presidents of the 1953 executive of the Edmonton Club A.C.T. Mrs. Webber is secretary-treasurer of the Crippled Children's Fund, a position she has held for the past five Search for Talent Tours.

The Committee consists of the entire executive of the A.C.T. plus several members at large, chosen because of their deep interest and untiring efforts over the years in support of needy crippled children.

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## LAST YEAR'S WINNERS



Talent winners are shown above receiving their awards from C. B. "Cece" McIlhargey, chairman. First place winners were the Hay Lakes Trio consisting of Ruby Rost, Eileen and Ruth Lockman, shown above accepting the award. John Walton, left, was judged second best; Louise Domshy, Eldoreno, black dress, came in third and Genevieve Odovichuk of Forestburg was judged fourth best, by the panel of adjudicators. Awards were made at the Semi-finals held in Edmonton May 9th.

## POPULARITY WINNERS

Two weeks later the audience had their say, and their choices based on popularity vote were as follows:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Paul Majeau, Villeneuve (Morinville Show)           | 6. Caroline Eskdale, Namao (Bon Accord)             |
| 2. David Simpson, Lacombe                              | 7. Genevieve Odovichuk, Forestburg                  |
| 3. Rachel MacInnes, Westlock                           | 8. Michael O'Brien, Fort Saskatchewan               |
| 4. Ruby, Rost and Eileen and Ruth Lockman, Tofield     | 9. Michael, Alex and James Orydzuk, Ukalta (Andrew) |
| 5. Dolores Borgstrom and Allan Stuce, Edberg (Camrose) | 10. Gloria Holman, Devon                            |



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## THE A.C.T. CREW



In the sixth Search for Talent Series of Shows, 144 members of the Edmonton Club A.C.T., took an active part. Each show requires a crew of from four to ten A.C.T. members, their wives and friends. It is their task to accompany the regular cast to the communities each Saturday to attend to details in connection with the show. They take charge of hall arrangements, seating, admissions, vote collecting, balloting and in any other way required to put the show over with best possible results. Bedecked in conspicuous A.C.T. aprons, the travellers climb on the bandwagon for Crippled Children with every effort they can muster twenty-five Saturdays each year. Other fund raising activities such as Barn Dances, the Carspiel, etc., keep them busy all year round. Their reward? A sense of satisfaction for a job well done in a worthy cause.

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Scholarship is given the contestant judged possessing the most outstanding natural talent, combined with ability and desire to advance.

G. R. A. "Dick" Rice, president and general manager of Radio Station CFRN is shown presenting the Second Annual Scholarship to David Simpson of Lacombe. Looking on is Edward Klovansky of Fallis, winner of the first scholarship the previous year.

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(October 1952 to May 1953)

An increase of \$3448.69 on the gross income over the previous year is clear indication that A.C.T.'s work of mercy with Crippled Children has the whole hearted support of citizens in Alberta. The Sixth Search for Talent Series of Shows grossed the record-breaking total of \$26716.15 compared with a gross of \$23267.46 the previous year. A.C.T.'s most sincere thanks go to all who helped, especially to those in the following communities:

Evansburg .....	\$ 605.42	Barrhead .....	1267.85
Legal .....	592.80	Wetaskiwin .....	1508.95
Forestburg .....	680.96	Fort Saskatchewan .....	788.87
Thorhild .....	640.02	Morinville .....	1149.06
Smoky Lake .....	1305.15	Millet .....	704.10
Sangudo .....	701.01	Stony Plain .....	1057.49
Devon .....	845.33	Lacombe .....	573.25
Camrose .....	1327.65	Edson .....	1055.31
Wildwood .....	699.87	Andrew .....	729.25
Viking .....	864.86	Bon Accord .....	387.80
Westlock .....	1135.00	Semi-Final .....	3334.74
Ponoka .....	654.61		
Daysland .....	676.15	Final Show .....	2747.90
Tofield .....	682.75		
		TOTAL .....	<u>\$26716.15</u>

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# Winners of Search For Talent Shows

## 1953 - 54 Season

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE WINNERS FROM EACH POINT VISITED  
DURING SEARCH FOR TALENT SEASON:

Location of Show	Name of Contestant	P.O. Address	Act
Legal .....	Claude Prefontaine .....	Legal, Alberta .....	Vocalist
Forestburg .....	Patricia Mallett .....	Forestburg .....	Vocalist
Thorhild .....	Shirley, Florence & Catherine Kerr .....	Radway .....	Vocal Trio
Millet .....	Shirley Moll .....	Millet .....	Vocal
Wildwood .....	Roy Hanson's Wildwood Ramblers .....	Wildwood .....	Instrumental
Sangudo .....	Onoway Stump Jumpers .....	Onoway .....	Instrumental
Namao .....	Ronnie Nelson .....	Namao .....	Vocal
Camrose .....	A.B.I. Quartette .....	Camrose .....	Vocal Quartette
Devon .....	Nelson Anderson .....	Devon .....	Vocalist
Viking .....	Donna Matejka .....	Viking .....	Vocalist
Westlock .....	Fred Schoenrock .....	Westlock .....	Instrumental
Rimbey .....	Buddy Farnham .....	Rimbey .....	Vocal & Guitar
Barrhead .....	Jules Borle Orchestra .....	Barrhead .....	Orchestra
Stony Plain.....	Jean & Eddie Dedio .....	Onoway .....	Instrumental
Leduc .....	Eleanor Kern .....	New Sarepta .....	Vocalist
Morinville .....	Paul Majeau .....	Villeneuve .....	Vocalist
Tofield .....	Darrell Ness .....	Kingman .....	Vocalist
Ponoka .....	Donald Dubitz .....	Bashaw .....	Vocalist
Fort Sask. ....	Margaret & Mary Smolic .....	Clover Bar .....	Vocal Duet
Edson .....	Nicky Stakich .....	Edson .....	Vocalist
Wetaskiwin .....	Gerry Zilke .....	Wetaskiwin .....	Vocalist
Bruderheim .....	Marcel Rocque & Edith Kroening .....	Bruderheim .....	Vocal Duet
Daysland .....	Joan Berke .....	Kelsey .....	Vocal
Bashaw .....	Mary McFadden .....	Bashaw .....	Vocal

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Contestants will not appear in order listed but will be called in order of their own choice on the reverse side

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| 1. Claude Prefontaine <i>Legal</i>                    | 9. Nelson Anderson           |
| 2. Patricia Mallett <i>Foresting</i>                  | 10. Donna Matejka <i>Va</i>  |
| 3. Shirley, Florence & Catherine Kerr <i>Thorhill</i> | 11. Fred Schoenrock <i>W</i> |
| 4. Shirley Moll <i>Mallett</i>                        | 12. Buddy Farnham <i>R</i>   |
| 5. Roy Hanson's Wildwood Ramblers <i>Wildwood</i>     | 13. Jules Borle Orchest      |
| 6. Onoway Stump Jumpers <i>Song</i>                   | 14. Jean & Eddie Ded         |
| 7. Ronnie Nelson <i>hamo</i>                          | 15. Eleanor Kern <i>Day</i>  |
| 8. A.B.I. Quartette <i>Camrose</i>                    | 16. Paul Majeau <i>mo</i>    |

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**BETTY McDONALD**  
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but will be called by number. Details about each entry on reverse side.

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| son Anderson <i>Devon</i>          | 17. Darrell Ness <i>Tofield X</i>                   |
| na Matejka <i>Viking</i>           | 18. Donald Dubitz <i>Bonoka</i>                     |
| l Schoenrock <i>Westlock</i>       | 19. Margaret & Mary Smolic <i>Footsk</i>            |
| dy Farnham <i>Rimby</i>            | 20. Nicky Stakich <i>Bacon</i>                      |
| s Borle Orchestra <i>Calverton</i> | 21. Gerry Zilke <i>Westburn</i>                     |
| n & Eddie Dedio <i>Stonyham</i>    | 22. Marcel Rocque & Edith Kroening <i>Bredaheim</i> |
| nor Kern <i>Day Lake</i>           | 23. Joan Berke <i>Daysland</i>                      |
| Majeau <i>Wrenville</i>            | 24. Mary McFadden <i>Cashaw</i>                     |

THE TEN FINALISTS FOR THE FINAL SHOW TO BE SATURDAY, MAY 22nd, 8:00 P.M.

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tion three contestants will compete for the CFRN S SCHOLARSHIP. They were selected during the ents suitable for scholarship requirements. Scholar- ne following:

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Thanks also to the many businessmen and merchants in Northern Alberta who contributed generously to the fund through the Travellers' canvasses on days of the Search for Talent Shows.

Our thanks to Mrs. Jack Dennistoun and Roy McDonald of the Search for Talent cast who assisted with auditioning and trafficking of contestants throughout the season.

Search for Talent in its seven seasons has opened the doors of opportunity for many youthful artists. This would have been impossible without the whole-hearted support and co-operation of the Staff and Management of CFRN.

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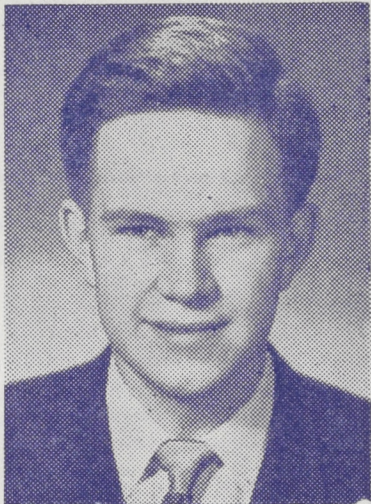
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**JACK DENNISTOUN:** One of the originals who is now in his seventh season with Search for Talent. This is Jack's third season as producer of the show. Besides producing the show and managing the troop, Jack takes his turn at the piano, and adds plenty of vocal and comedy. Mr. Dennistoun is a prominent music teacher in Edmonton and is well known as an entertainer over Radio Station CFRN as well as at meetings and other gatherings.

**GEORGE KIDD:** Master of Ceremonies of Search for Talent for the third year. Besides visiting Search for Talent communities every Saturday, George takes his regular turn as announcer at CFRN.

**ROY McDONALD:** Agile and wiry entertainer who specializes in tumbling, acrobatics and does a little tap dancing as well. This is Roy's third season with Search for Talent.

**ULLA and ALLAN DOUGLAS:** This Mr. and Mrs. team is destined to "go places" in Canadian entertainment. They arrived from Denmark in May, 1952, and have already gained considerable popularity in Edmonton entertainment circles.

**WALTER MELNYK:** Another example of how A.C.T., Search for Talent opens the doors of opportunity for local talent. Walter was "found" when he won the Smoky Lake Search for Talent Show in 1949. He has come a long way since then, and today is regarded as one of Edmonton's outstanding comedians. He specializes in monologues and impersonation.

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## LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEARS

Search for Talent Shows have been the major source of income for the A.C.T. Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Fund since its inception in 1947. Gross receipts from Search for Talent Shows and voluntary donations to May 31, 1953 follow:

1947 to 1948 .....	\$ 23,961.06	1951 to 1952 .....	28,429.26
1948 to 1949 .....	26,598.14	1952 to 1953 .....	31,316.08
1949 to 1950 .....	29,926.93		
1950 to 1951 .....	26,829.60		\$167,061.07

Each May as the season's totals are calculated, Search for Talent is climaxed with the finals held in Edmonton. Looking back over the years, we find the following winners:

Year	Talent Winner	Popularity Winner
1947 - 48	Sam Logan, Morinville	Gibbons Junior Orchestra
1948 - 49	Dolores Sadoway, Whitford	Lila Skakum, Holden
1949 - 50	Alfred Kristiansen, Grande Prairie	Battle Lake Trio
1950 - 51	Leo Orr, Warburg	Ruby Keehn's Orchestra
1951 - 52	Ruby Keehn's Orchestra, Forestburg	Paul Majeau, Villeneuve
1952 - 53	Ruby Rost, Eileen and Ruth Lockman, Hay Lakes	

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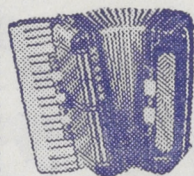


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## **How The A.C.T. Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Fund Operates**

The A.C.T. Crippled Children's Committee operates 365 days a year. On the road in the course of their day-to-day duties; in hotel lobbies in the evenings; across the counters from their regular clients; and by direct contact through their Fund secretary; the Committee receives reports of crippled children in need of help. Parents or other interested parties are contacted and the wheels of mercy are set in motion.

A preliminary application is submitted to the committee which considers the application and the applicant from every possible angle. If the request for assistance appears justified, the case is then submitted to the Medical Advisory Board for consideration on the medical aspects of the case. This Board, which consists of three members of the Orthopaedic Surgeons in Edmonton, under chairmanship of Dr. Gordon L. Wilson, then make the necessary recommendations.

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## Case History...Just One of 200

TONY JANCSEK, NORTH STAR, ALBERTA

North Star is one of Canada's most northernmost farming communities. It is situated 50 miles north of Peace River and is too far away for the A.C.T. Search for Talent Show to appear there. But Tony Jancsek, whose picture you can see on Page 13, knows about the A.C.T., about their Search for Talent Shows and about the A.C.T. Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Fund.

Tony was admitted to hospital in Edmonton July 3, 1953, suffering from a hip injury. He was admitted through the A.C.T. Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Fund.

Tony underwent a series of X-rays, which was followed by surgery. He was discharged from hospital September 16, 1953 after the Crippled Children's Fund paid X-ray, medical and hospitalization fees totalling \$665.69.

Tony is expected to return to Edmonton for a further check-up in three months time. He is ten years old.

This is just one of more than 200 case histories which read much the same. North Star is but one of more than 100 communities from which these crippled bodies have received varied degrees of relief, thanks to the generosity of the supporters of the projects sponsored by the Associated Canadian Travellers of Edmonton in support of Crippled Children.



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BY MAIL: Listen to "Search for Talent" news every weekday on CFRN. Place your donation for the fund in an envelope and enclose a slip of paper with the name and number of the artists receiving your vote. Be sure to include your name and address. A receipt will be mailed to you.

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